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FOR THE AMBASSADOR AT OPENING OF BUSINESS

1. YOU SHOULD SEE VAN WELL AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY AND, IN CONNECTION WITH HIS CONVERSATION IN LONDON WITH SONNENFELDT, TELL HIM HE MAY PASS THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO GENSCHER. THE TURKS HAVE TAKEN ESSENTIALLY SAME POSITION WITH US ON CYPRUS TERRITORIAL ISSUES AS THEY DID WITH GERMANS; I.E., THAT THEY WERE READY TO NEGOTIATE A PACKAGE DEAL ON CYPRUS, INCLUDING A DISCUSSION OF TERRITORY, BUT THAT THEY COULD NOT NOW INDICATE EXACTLY WHAT PERCENTAGES OF TERRITORY THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO RELINQUISH. WE HAVE ADVISED THE GREEKS OF OUR VIEW THAT, WHILE WE WOULD HAVE HOPED FOR A MORE SPECIFIC TURKISH POSITION ON TERRITORY, THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO GET TALKS UNDERWAY SO THAT SPECIFIC

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PROPOSALS ON ALL THE ISSUES CAN BE DEVELOPED. WE HAVE

OURSELVES CONCLUDED THAT BEFORE LEANING FURTHER ON THE TURKS FOR MORE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ON TERRITORY, WE WOULD FIRST WAIT FOR A GREEK REACTION TO THE TURK OFFER TO TALK.

2. THE GREEKS HAVE NOT AS YET GIVEN US THEIR OFFICIAL VIEWS ON THE TURKISH POSITION (OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT THEY WOULD EXPECT SPECIFIC, WRITTEN PROPOSALS FROM THE TURKS BEFORE AGREEING TO TALKS) ASKING THAT WE FIRST COMMUNICATE IT TO MAKARIOS IN THE SAME MANNER WE DID TO THEM. WE ARE DOING SO, FULLY RECOGNIZING THE GREEK TACTIC OF KEEPING US (AND OTHERS) IN THE MIDDLE BUT BELIEVING IT IS ESSENTIAL TO GET THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS RESUMED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT, AND PREFERABLY BEFORE THE CYPRUS DEBATE IN THE UNGA.

3. AS FOR THE IDEA OF AN "INTERMEDIARY ZONE," THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WOULD OBVIOUSLY PREFER TO HAVE EITHER THE GREEKS OR AN OUTSIDE SOURCE MAKE THE FIRST TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL. AT SOME POINT SUCH AN OUTSIDE STIMULUS MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO MOVE THE NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD OR TO BREAK AN IMPASSE. GENSCHER WILL OF COURSE WANT TO REACH HIS OWN DECISION, BUT AT THIS TIME IT WOULD SEEM TOO PREMATURE TO SURFACE A NEW CONCEPT RE AN "INTERMEDIARY ZONE" WHICH REFLECTS A PROPOSAL THAT THE TURKISH SIDE MIGHT MAKE IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. IT WOULD SEEM TO US MORE PRACTICAL FOR THE FRIENDS OF GREECE AND TURKEY WHO WISH TO HELP PROMOTE A SETTLEMENT TO URGE THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL. OUR OWN SOUNDINGS DO NOT YET INDICATE PRECISELY WHAT IS NEEDED TO GET THE TALKS UNDERWAY. HOWEVER WE BELIEVE THERE IS STILL MORE TO BE DONE IN DEVELOPING THE CONDITIONS OF THE PARTIES FOR RETURNING TO THE TALKS BEFORE PROPOSALS ARE PUT FORWARD TO DEAL WITH THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE.

4. YOU MAY TELL VAN WELL THAT WE APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF GERMAN EFFORTS AND WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO KEEP IN TOUCH REGARDING OUR PARALLEL APPROACHES TO THE PROBLEM. KISSINGER

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